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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fine Creek Mills Historic District

other names/site number VDHR # 072-5018

2. Location

street & number 2425-2434 Robert E. Lee Road (Route 641) not for publication N/A
city or town Fine Creek Mills vicinity _____
state Virginia code VA county Powhatan code 145 Zip 23139

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide X locally. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official _____ Date _____

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

_____ entered in the National Register

_____ See continuation sheet.

_____ determined eligible for the

National Register

_____ See continuation sheet.

_____ determined not eligible for the National Register

_____ removed from the National Register

_____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)
☒ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| <u>5</u> | <u>0</u> | buildings |
| <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | sites |
| <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | structures |
| <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | objects |
| <u>6</u> | <u>0</u> | Total |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

| | |
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| Cat: <u>Industry</u> | Sub: <u>Manufacturing Facility / Mill</u> |
| <u>Domestic</u> | <u>Single-dwelling</u> |
| <u>Commerce/Trade</u> | <u>Specialty Store (Ferry Tickets, Cheese Factory</u> |
| <u>Government</u> | <u>Post Office</u> |
| <u>Education</u> | <u>School</u> |
| <u>Commercial</u> | <u>Department Store / General Store</u> |
| <u></u> | <u></u> |
| <u></u> | <u></u> |

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Cat: <u>Commerce/Trade</u> | Sub: <u>Restaurant / Work in Progress</u> |
| <u>Domestic</u> | <u>Single-dwelling</u> |
| <u>Domestic</u> | <u>Hotel / Work in Progress</u> |
| <u>Commerce/Trade</u> | <u>Specialty Store / Work in Progress</u> |
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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone, concrete
roof asphalt, tin
walls stone, stucco, weatherboard, vinyl, other
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Industry
Commerce/Trade
Transportation

Period of Significance 1735 – circa 1940**Significant Dates** 173518551923**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)N/A**Cultural Affiliation** _____**Architect/Builder** Unknown**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.☐ previously listed in the National Register☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register☐ designated a National Historic Landmark☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____**Primary Location of Additional Data**☒ State Historic Preservation Office☐ Other State agency☐ Federal agency☐ Local government☐ University☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of Property approx. 15 acres**UTM References** (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

| Zone | Easting | Northing | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------|---------|----------|------|---------|----------|
| 18 | 251100 | 4165170 | 18 | 251350 | 4165170 |

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Alison S. Blanton, Architectural HistorianOrganization: Hill Studio, P.C. date June 18, 2003street & number: 120 West Campbell Avenue telephone 540-342-5263city or town Roanoke state VA zip code 24011

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name see sонтinuation sheet

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state VA zip code _____

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7. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

The Fine Creek Mills Historic District is composed of two adjacent parcels containing approximately 15 acres of land on either side of Robert E. Lee Road (Route 641) near the intersection of Huguenot Trail (Route 711) in Powhatan County, Virginia. Situated at a bend in the road where it originally crossed Fine Creek at the lower falls, the community of Fine Creek Mills developed as early as the 1730s when a gristmill was established along the creek. The community continued to flourish as a commercial center for the area into the mid 20th century with a school, post office and store also located there. With a road along Fine Creek leading to the ferry across the James River at Lee's Landing, Fine Creek Mills served as an important link to the James River and the railroad to Richmond. The property included in the district consists of the Fine Creek Mills Ruins (072-0077), the Miller's House (072-0078) - both dating from the mid-18th century - as well as the Gatehouse/Cheese Factory (072-0276), the Fine Creek School (072-0277), the Store (072-0278) and the Palmore-Harris House (071-0279) - all of which date to the early 20th century. Several other stores, a cooper's shop and a post office were also located in Fine Creek Mills at one time, but do not exist today.

Detailed Description

The original River Road (now Huguenot Trail/Route 711) passed through Fine Creek Mills and forded the creek at the falls where large rocks formed a shallow creek bed. During the second half of the 19th century, a bridge was constructed at this point to cross the creek. The roadbed leading across the creek between the Gatehouse/Cheese Factory and Fine Creek School is still evident and the bridge supports survive.

The ca. 1735 Fine Creek Mills Ruins (072-0077) stand near the lower falls of Fine Creek. Portions of the original millpond (which was destroyed by flooding in the mid-1930s for the last time) and the races still exist to the west, south, and east of the mill. The mill was built in 1735 by Edward Scott on one acre of land leased for 99 years from John Pleasants (Goochland County Deed Book 2, p. 186). The mill was originally constructed of two stories of dry-stacked limestone with a third story of frame construction topped by a gable roof. An 1891 photo shows a one-story, one-bay addition with gable roof and exterior end chimney on the east end of the south elevation as well as a three-story stone and frame wing with shed roof along the north side. The overshot water wheel was located at the east end of the of the mill. Some accounts indicate

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that a sawmill stood adjacent to the gristmill and early business directories list both a gristmill and a saw mill at Fine Creek Mills from the 1890s into the early 20th century. The mill operated until the mid-1930s and survived intact into the late 1960s (as shown in file photographs at the VDHR). Only the stone walls of the original structure survive today.

The Miller's House (072-0078), located approximately 100 feet east of the mill, was built in the mid-to-late 18th century as the second miller's house associated with the site. The original miller's house was destroyed by fire. Constructed of log, this one and one-half story dwelling with side-gable roof and gabled dormers was covered with board and batten siding in the mid-19th century. Dryvit has been applied to the exterior in the last decade. A large, exterior end, brick chimney with stone base is located at the south end of the building. The chimney on the north end was removed when a one-story garage wing was added. Other additions include a one-story rear wing with shed roof and a one-story side wing (south) with shed roof. The windows have been replaced. A one-story, one-bay entry porch with gabled roof and metal columns adorns the front (west) façade. The interior has been modified, however, some of the original log construction remains exposed and several of the original interior doors are intact.

The late 19th century Gatehouse/Cheese Factory (072-0276) stands at the entrance to the mill property from Robert E. Lee Road and served as a post office and a ticket house for the ferry road through the mill property to the James River and Lee's Landing. This one-and-one-half story frame building has a gable roof of standing-seam metal and a stone pier foundation. A one-story, partially enclosed wing with shed roof, exposed rafters, and open porch extends across the south (front) end while another similar wing with screened porch extends across the east side of the building. The single-leaf doors are wood with four-panels. The windows are double-hung sash with 6/6 lights. Paired, six-light sliding windows are located at each porch entrance, presumably for ticket sales. At some point in the early 20th century, the Gatehouse was also used as a cheese factory and the interior walls of the south wing were covered with tin for protection from mice. The interior of this building remains intact.

Fine Creek School (072-0277) stands on the west side of Robert E. Lee Road, just south of where the original River Road crossed Fine Creek. Records from the Rosenwald Foundation Collection at Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee indicate that Fine Creek School was constructed as an African-American school with funding from the Foundation. The one-story, three-bay frame building was constructed in the early 1900s under the Tuskegee Institute as a one-teacher type

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school. Powhatan County School Board records, however, indicate that the Fine Creek School was originally used as a white school and converted to a “colored” school in 1923. There is no mention of the use of Rosenwald funds. The building has a side gable roof of asbestos shingles with central ridge chimney and a concrete pier foundation with concrete block infill. The weatherboard siding has been covered with fiber-cement siding. A one-bay porch with gabled roof and wood posts shelters the single-leaf, single-panel wood door (replacement) with architrave surround. Paired, 4/4 double-hung windows flank the entrance. A shed-roof porch extends to the rear of the building. The interior plan has been modified for domestic use. Two original single-leaf doors with glazing in the upper half remain intact on the interior. Local recollections indicate that this building has been used as a store, a gas station, a residence and an artist’s studio (Mitchell, 4/13/89).

The ca. 1900 Store (072-0278) is located across the road from the school and the gatehouse. This one-story, frame building has a front gable roof of standing-seam metal with a rectangular vent in the front gable. The front elevation features a single entry with glazed and paneled wood door flanked by storefront plate-glass windows. The side elevations have 6/6 double-hung sash windows, 2-light awning windows and a wood paneled door. A one-story frame wing with shed roof has been added to the rear. The building is clad with weatherboard siding and stands on a concrete-block pier foundation. The interior of the store is intact with its original wood shelving.

The ca. 1920 Palmore-Harris House (072-0279) stands southeast of the store on the same parcel of land and is associated with the store. Vernacular in style, the one-and-one-half story frame house has a front gable roof of standing-seam metal with a cross gable, box cornice and returns in the gable ends. A one-story, three-bay porch with low, hip roof supported by wood columns and a turned balustrade. The central entrance is single-leaf with a replacement door. The 1/1 double-hung sash windows are also replacements. A polygonal bay projects along the west elevation below the cross gable. The house is clad in asbestos shingle siding and sits on a solid concrete foundation. A one-story wing with flat roof and screened porch has been added to the rear. A one-story frame garage/wood shed with gable roof stands to the southwest of the house.

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Summary Statement of Significance

The Fine Creek Mills Historic District is a rare surviving example of a community that developed around an 18th century gristmill in the northeast section of Powhatan County, Virginia. The district consists of resources dating from the mid-18th to the early 20th century, including the ca. 1735 Fine Creek Mills Ruins, the ca. 1750 Miller's House, the late 19th century Gatehouse/Cheese Factory, the ca. 1910 Fine Creek School, and the early 20th century Store and Palmore-Harris House. Located at the lower falls of Fine Creek, the area served not only as a commercial center around the milling operations, but also as a crossing point for the creek and as an access point to the ferry across the James River at Lee's Landing. The community of Fine Creek Mills flourished in the early 20th century, including several stores, a cheese factory, a school, a post office, and sawmill in addition to the original gristmill. Fine Creek Mills Historic District is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criteria A as an example of a rural, commercial and community center that developed around the milling operations. This district is also eligible under Criteria C for the rarity and diversity of architecture ranging from the mid-18th century to the mid-20th century and related to specific functions in a community that are represented in the district. Fine Creek Mills Historic District is significant on the local level in the areas of industry, commerce, transportation, and education for the period 1735 to circa 1940.

Statement of Integrity

Although a number of the buildings that once comprised the community of Fine Creek Mills no longer exist and alterations have been made to those surviving buildings, Fine Creek Mills Historic District still retains its visual cohesiveness as a rural community that developed around the crossing point of the creek and the mill industry. The historic connection to the fording point at the falls of the creek is still evident in the roadbed. The wide variety of functions associated with the surviving buildings (mill, gatehouse, school, store, and associated domestic resources) and their range in dates from the early 18th century to early 20th century represent the vital components of the community as well as its viability over two centuries.

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Historical Background

The origin of Fine Creek Mills dates to 1735 when John Pleasants leased one acre of land to Edward Scott in what was then Goochland County on the south side of the James River adjoining the lower falls of Fine Creek. The lease was for the term of 99 years at the rent of one ear of corn yearly (Goochland County Deed Book 2:186). Scott also agreed to purchase “a pair of new Cullin mill stones four feet in diameter with all brass and iron work necessary for an overshot mill and one set of picks fit for creasing said stones” and bound himself to build at his own expense a water gristmill. When Scott died two years later, his will listed “mills, ferry, slaves, etc.” to be left to his son Daniel Scott. This will also included a second mill he owned on Muddy Creek in Powhatan County (Goochland County Records, volume 3:107). In 1762, Pleasants continued this lease for the remainder of the term with Daniel Scott’s brother John. He described the property as “adjoining the Fall of Fine Creek near the place where the road then did and crosses the said creek with the appurtenances whereon the said Edward Scott, deceased, in his lifetime did erect a certain water grist mill then and still commonly called and known by the name of Fine Creek Mill” (Cumberland County Deed Book 3:395). By the end of the 18th century, however, the Scotts were no longer operating the mill as evidenced by an advertisement run by Samuel Pleasants, Jr., in the *Virginia Gazette* in 1793 offering the mill for rent (*Virginia Gazette*, August 8, 1793). The original Miller’s House, located on a different site from the present building, was destroyed by fire at some point. The existing Miller’s House, which is indicated in the 1805 Mutual Assurance policy, was built sometime in the mid 1700s as a log structure. The policy insured the property for \$8000.

By the mid-1800s Fine Creek Mills began to expand as a community center. The mill property itself grew. Deeds and indentures associated with the mill in the early 1800s include 50 acres of land. An 1831 indenture between John T. Pleasants and William Hooker described the property as consisting of 50 acres, more or less, and including “mill pond, miller’s house and cooper shop, etc.” (Powhatan County Deed Book 2:401). Another deed from the same year between Judith P. Pleasants, widow of Robert Pleasants, and Hooker, referenced for the first time “a certain road leading from said mill to James River and the landing at the river” (*ibid* 2:494). Joseph Martin’s 1836 *Gazetteer* lists the “Fine Creek manufacturing and grist mill” but does not identify the area as a village or post office location. The earliest records of the United States Post Office Department for Powhatan County indicate that postal service was discontinued in 1832. Washington Corr was appointed the first postmaster in 1855 (United States Post Office Department Records, film 836). Corr purchased the

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mill property in 1857 and after his death in 1874, the mill was operated by R.L. Pierce, his son-in-law, until the early 1900s. During this period, the mill operations expanded, with the addition of a sawmill. Pierce also served as postmaster. The 1893-1894 *Chataigne's Virginia Gazetteer* lists R.L. Pierce at Fine Creek Mills as the postmaster, a general merchant, and operator of both a gristmill and a sawmill.

The use of the ferry road must have also increased during this time with the establishment of the railroad to Richmond on the north side of the James River in the 1880s. Prior to the railroad, a number of private ferries, such as the one mentioned in Edward Scott's will in 1737, operated across the James River. With the construction of the Richmond & Allegheny Railroad (later the Chesapeake & Ohio) in the 1880s, the railroad established a number of stations with ferry service to the south side of the James. Lee's Station was established at this time with boats and a ferry operator supplied by the railroad to ferry passengers to Lee's Landing on the south bank of the river. The road leading to Lee's Landing passed through Fine Creek Mills, where tickets for the ferry were purchased at the Gatehouse (Couture, 1980:310). Mr. Edmund Pendleton, editor of the *Richmond News Leader*, took the ferry to Richmond daily (Mitchell: 4/6/89).

In the late 1800s, the post office moved from the mill to the Fine Creek Gatehouse, where tickets were sold for the ferry. A map from the Postal Department indicates the post office was located at the Gatehouse in 1884 (United States Post Office Department, "Reports of Site Locations, 1837-1950"). It appears that the post office remained at this location into the early 1900s with R.L. Pierce, owner of the mill and the gatehouse, serving as postmaster (United States Post Office Department, "Reports of Postmaster Assignments, 1830-1971"). The post office may have moved across the road to the store from 1904 to 1915 when Andrew Adkins is listed as postmaster as well as a general merchant. Several different people are listed as postmaster in the intervening years, including P.C. Williams, owner of the mill and cheese factory from 1925 to 1930. From 1931-1933 Alfred Palmore, owner of the store and the Palmore-Harris House, served as postmaster. After Palmore, Marguerite Jervey served as postmistress (1933-1934) and a separate building was constructed for the post office. This post office was moved in 1942 when Route 711 was rerouted and the new bridge was built across Fine Creek. In 1958, postal service was discontinued to Fine Creek Mills and mail was routed to Powhatan.

By 1917, Fine Creek Mills was listed as a village with a population of 50 that included seven general merchandise stores in addition to the gristmill and the flourmill (Hill: 1917). It appears that the

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population figure is based on those inhabitants receiving mail at Fine Creek Mills Post Office as business directories list a large number of farmers in the area, yet there is no recollection of a concentration of houses in the community. The Palmore-Harris House is the only house other than the miller's house that is directly associated with the community. Other inhabitants lived on the surrounding farms. The Store is the only store that survives today. It retains its historic shelving on the interior and, according to local residents, it supplied everything that the mill did not. Earlier undated photos of the community show several other stores, as well as a cooper's shop and the ca. 1934 post office building.

P.C. Williams, president of Fine Creek Mills Inc. and Superintendent of Schools, purchased the mill property in 1925 and operated it until 1930, when it was sold to W.R. Parker. During this period, the Gatehouse was converted to a cheese factory. The "cheese making machinery" was excluded from the deed of sale from P.C. Williams to Parker in 1930 (Powhatan County Deed Book 46:387). Evidence of this building's use as a ticket office, post office and cheese factory is seen in the sliding windows and the tin-covered interior walls. Parker operated the mill into the late 1930s, during which time the millpond was twice destroyed by floods. After the second flood in 1937, he operated the mill for several years using an automobile engine before closing the mill (Mitchell: 4/6/89). Parker converted the mill property into a community swimming pool for a short time after he closed the mill. He used stones from the milldam to construct a swimming pool and charged 25 cents for locals to swim. They used the miller's house as changing rooms (*ibid*).

The role of Fine Creek School in the history of Fine Creek is not clear. The "Fine Creek School" is identified in Rosenwald Foundation records as being a one-teacher type school built under Tuskegee Institute in the early 1900s at a cost of \$750 equally shared by "the Negroes, the public", and Rosenwald. According to Rosenwald Foundation records, this school is one of only two of this early one-teacher type built with Rosenwald funds under the early Tuskegee administration in the county. The earliest Powhatan County school records date to the 1920s and clearly indicate that Fine Creek School was a white school, valued at \$1,000 in 1923. In July 1923, the need for additional black schools was raised and the Fine Creek School was converted to a "colored school" because the "the school was not close enough to the Chapel used for whites as a place of Worship, to interfere with either the Chapel or the school" (Powhatan County School Board Minutes, July 10, 1923). The white children at Fine Creek were transported to Sublett.

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In August 1930, school board minutes list teachers approved for the colored schools in the county. The list included sixteen colored schools: two were of the three-teacher type (Bellsville and Logansville); five schools employed two teachers each; and nine of the schools, including Fine Creek, were of the one-teacher type (Powhatan County School Board Minutes, August 28, 1930). The school continued to operate as a one-teacher type, African-American school until 1947 when it was closed and sold for \$600 to George Harris (Powhatan County School Board Minutes, September 2, 1947).

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GEOGRAPHIC DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundaries of the Fine Creek Mills Historic District include parcels 30A and 31 on Powhatan County Tax Map #18 as indicated on the accompanying survey which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries of the Fine Creek Mills Historic District include the mill property and the properties along Robert E. Lee Road (Route 641) historically associated with the community of Fine Creek Mills.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION:

NOTE: The following items of information are common to all photographs.

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| PROPERTY: | Fine Creek Mills Historic District |
| LOCATION: | Powhatan County, Virginia |
| VDHR SITE #: | 072-5018 |
| DATE OF PHOTOGRAPH: | March 2003 |
| PHOTOGRAPHER: | Alison S. Blanton, Hill Studio, P.C. |
| NEGATIVE #: | 20331 |
| LOCATION of NEGATIVES: | VA Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, VA |

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View: Mill ruins, Miller's House and Gatehouse,
looking east.

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View: Fine Creek School, Gatehouse, Miller's House,
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View: Original roadbed of River Road leading to ford point
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View: Entrance to mill property with Gatehouse, Mill ruins and Miller's House,
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